

25th Anniversary of the Senior Health and Information Fair Photo far right: Georgia Chavent of Woodbridge, Director of the Nutrition and Dietetics Program at the University of New Haven, and students.

The continued popularity of this event—hundreds upon hundreds of seniors attend—attests to the growing complexity of daily living and the importance seniors place on maintaining their health and staying abreast of knowledge pertinent to their safety and general well-being.

That is why I work hard to bring the services of federal and state agencies, local organizations and educational institutions to a location close to home. A variety of health screenings, flu shots, information on how to keep safe at home and while driving, surfing the Internet, information on how to avoid scams and how to remain productive citizens are thereby made readily available.

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A BIPARTISAN APPROACH to CREATING JOBS

Over the course of several months, I met with workers, small-business owners and constituents to learn their views on protecting jobs and stimulating job growth. I brought that information to the governor and fellow legislators, confident that we could develop a plan that would maintain, attract and create jobs in our state. I am pleased to report that, working together, Democrats and Republicans developed a comprehensive plan that addresses key areas for job growth. A few components of the plan are summarized below.

SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVES

- Streamline and expedite permitting process
- Expand job creation tax credits
- Cut the business entity tax
- Eliminate or consolidate burdensome regulations

CAPTIVE INSURANCE UNIT

Legislation I proposed and saw to passage would permit new types of captive insurance companies to locate in our state. This initiative would create new jobs and new revenue.

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

 Increase number of investors in high-tech emerging technology

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING

- Develop and enhance higher education offerings to match employer needs
- Replenish Manufacturing Assistance Act funding and expand the Manufacturers Reinvestment Act
- Develop training programs for manufacturing needs
- Establish manufacturing technology programs at three additional community colleges

OCTOBER NOR'EASTER

Connecticut's largest utility must be held accountable for its unsatisfactory restoration efforts following a snowstorm that left thousands without power for more than a week and caused unprecedented damage. I support full disclosure of the facts concerning its preparation, response and the procedures it followed to communicate with municipalities and customers. Additionally, I will seek federal emergency funding to provide generators for towns, housing authorities and non-profits to ensure the availability of electrical power for critical populations and situations.